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Eco-Living



A Bali-inspired green design located in an estate on The Ridge by Lakshmi Interiors.

## Home Eco-nomics

Lakshmi Interiors goes enviro-friendly on high design

When sports professionals, Hollywood celebrities and Fortune 500 companies want to go green, they turn to Andrea Lecusay, founder of **Lakshmi Interiors**, one of the islands' top eco-friendly interior design firms. "With green design, we thoughtfully consider the user, the context and the long-term impact of all objects on the surrounding environment," she says. Lecusay partners with designers in Europe and Bali to fuse cultural elements and natural materials, incorporating reclaimed tropical hardwoods, certified plantation-grown teak and even recycled boat siding to create "primitive" custom-made furniture for interiors and exteriors. [lakshmiinteriors.com](http://lakshmiinteriors.com)

"As a business owner I realize that the earth is beneficial for my bottom line—conserving resources also saves money!"

**DANA ROBERTS, OWNER AND FOUNDER, MALIE ORGANICS**

Kanu Hawaii members making a difference.



### Growing Gains

Led by Olin Lagon and James Koshiba, **Kanu Hawaii** is tip-of-the-tongue for building a global movement of people committed to "island living" by incorporating island principles of environmental stewardship, compassion and community into daily life. Those interested simply join online for no fee, declare a commitment (e.g. "I commit to using the backs of mailing envelopes as note paper to cut down on unnecessary waste"), share it with friends and track progress together. Each member has a public profile page where commitments are displayed and collective impacts (e.g., pounds of waste recycled, tons of carbon emissions prevented) are tracked. Hitting their two-year anniversary last February, Kanu Hawaii has attracted a hui of more than 9,000 committed members (nearly 2,000 people who live outside Hawai'i), spread across 12 countries, all with the goal of building more sustainable, compassionate and resilient communities starting with themselves. [kanuhawaii.org](http://kanuhawaii.org)